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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures were above normal during the first three days of the period. They dropped below normal for the next three days and were near normal on the closing day. Averages for the week were near normal southwest and about two degrees below normal elsewhere. Frost and near freezing temperatures were common in northwestern Nebraska Sunday morning.

Rain fell over the entire State on the 22nd and continued in the east on the 23rd. Totals ranged from about 1/4 inch northwest to 1 1/2 inch southeast. Additional amounts shown on the map were the result of showers that occurred on September 17th.

CROPS Corn and milo made about average progress toward maturity during the week. Nearly 95 percent of the corn crop has reached the dent stage which is about the usual progress to September 24. About one-third of the corn was rated ripe which is also close to the average for the date. A large part of the crop is safe from frost, although some local areas need a week or two of frost-free weather to escape possible damage.

Milo harvest was underway in a number of southern counties, but was held up by rain toward the end of the week. Harvest is expected to start again early this week. Cutting of silage and forage crops has been in full swing along with the wind-up of haying operations.

Winter wheat seeding is close to 90 percent finished. Planting is complete in the west, but in some eastern counties, milo and soybeans need to be harvested before wheat is planted. Rye and legume seeding is virtually over. Recent rains were beneficial for new plantings. The winter wheat crop is off to a good start in most sections. Some western localities receiving only light rains need moisture to promote growth.

The moisture helped pastures and ranges, improving the quality of feed, as well as reducing the danger of fire in the drier range areas. Harvest of safflower and fall potatoes is underway in the west. Beet harvest is expected to start this week.

LIVESTOCK The weather was favorable for livestock. Production rates are well above average. Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and lambs varies. Some sections report increased movements to feeding areas; others mention rather slow demand.

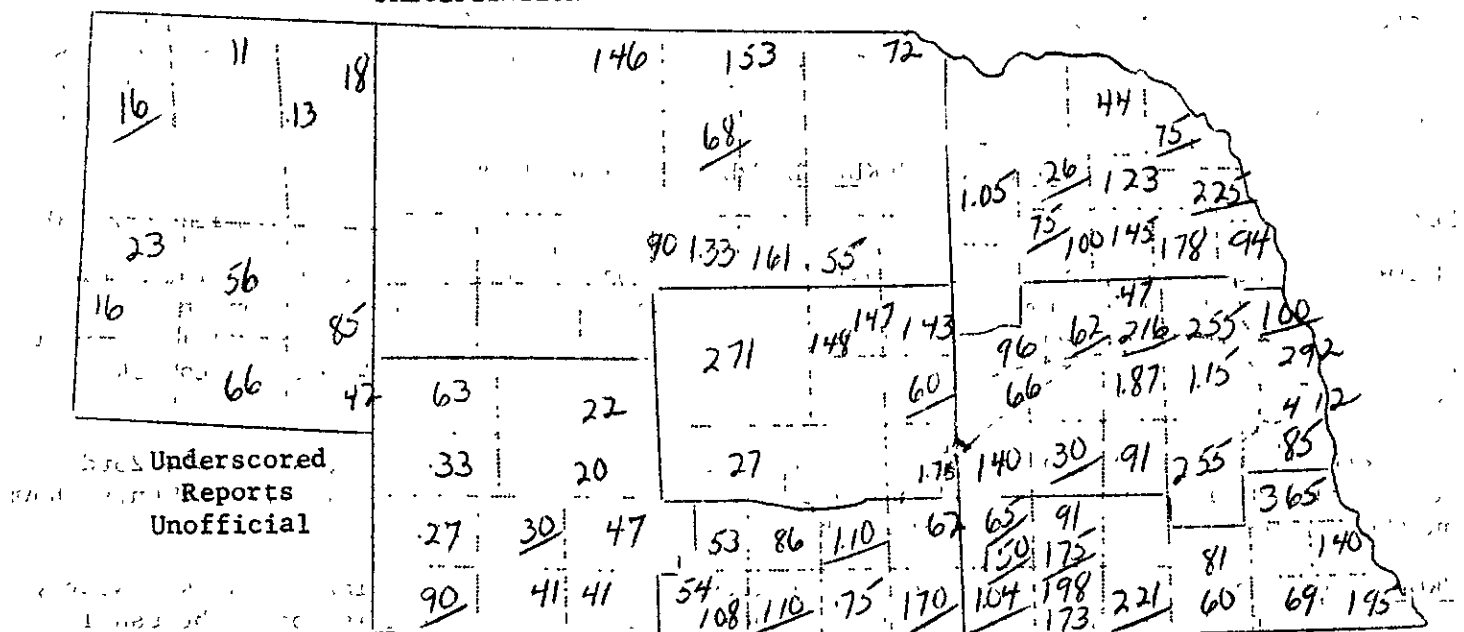
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.24	Burwell	0	Chadron	.11	
Lincoln	2.60	North Platte	.22	Imperial	.27	
Norfolk	.42	Valentine	1.41	Scottsbluff	.23	
Omaha	1.65			Sidney	.66	
Sioux City	.64					

Precipitation, April 1 - September 23, 1960

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.36	1.07	1.14	1.52	1.80	.37	.78	1.37
Total since April 1	10.01	16.44	22.42	18.24	23.90	10.40	18.59	24.54
Long-time Avg. since April 1	12.40	14.82	17.75	16.19	18.82	14.22	16.75	20.69

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		September		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	89	46	85	54	65	40	47	41	73	42	69	35	80	50		
	Scottsbluff	86	46	85	50	68	42	48	40	74	40	67	41	82	52		
	Sidney	87	55	84	46	68	42	44	40	67	43	66	43	81	52		
NC	Burwell	--	53	--	55	--	46	--	45	--	53	70	37	79	--		
	Valentine	91	47	89	55	65	46	50	41	65	47	66	41	83	48		
NE	Norfolk	75	56	86	61	76	52	62	48	59	56	70	39	76	47		
	Sioux City	74	53	86	63	78	53	67	52	60	56	73	41	73	51		
CEN	Grand Island	85	55	89	60	80	54	67	50	58	56	71	41	76	47		
EC	Lincoln	81	60	89	68	87	56	63	55	64	57	69	45	75	48		
	Omaha	73	56	82	64	78	55	60	56	65	57	65	48	72	51		
SW	Imperial	91	60	90	46	72	49	57	41	63	46	70	38	84	50		
	North Platte	91	61	88	52	70	48	60	43	62	48	70	40	81	54		

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